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SUBJECT: SEVENTH MEETING OF AD HOC GROUP ON TRADE

FOR: IA/ECOSOC DELEGATE JOSEPH E. O'MAHONY

1. US POSITION SECTION OF POSITION PAPER ENTITLED
"GENERALIZED PREFERENCES - INCLUSION OF ADDITIONAL
PRODUCTS OF INTEREST TO LATIN AMERICA" NOW READS
AS FOLLOWS:

2. THE US DELEGATION SHOULD, AS APPROPRIATE,
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REAFFIRM SECRETARY KISSINGER'S UNDERTAKING TO REVIEW

AND TO SUPPORT, WHEREVER POSSIBLE, LATIN AMERICAN REQUESTS FOR THE INCLUSION OF PRODUCTS IN OUR GSP PRODUCT LIST.

3. IF, AS EXPECTED, THE US DELEGATION IS PRESSED ON THIS POINT, IT MAY AGREE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORKING PARTY MADE UP OF TECHNICAL EXPERTS WHICH WOULD REVIEW LATIN AMERICAN REQUESTS FOR INCLUSION OF SPECIFIC ITEMS IN OUR GSP. THE WORKING PARTY WOULD MEET IN WASHINGTON AFTER THE TRADE BILL IS SIGNED INTO LAW.

4. WE PRESUME THAT THE LIST OF LATIN AMERICAN EXPORTS FACING TARIFF AND NON-TARIFF BARRIERS IN THE US MARKET (CIES/CECON-COMERCIO 45 DATED AUGUST 19, 1971 AND ITS

ADDENDA DATED OCTOBER 19, 1973) COULD SERVE AS A PRELIMINARY BASIS FOR PREPARATION OF A LATIN AMERICAN REQUEST LIST. WE WILL WANT TO LEARN WHICH PRODUCTS THE LATIN AMERICANS CONSIDER OF PRIORITY INTEREST FOR INCLUSION. (PRESUMABLY BY THE TIME THE WORKING PARTY MEETS, THE SECRETARIAT WILL HAVE RESTRUCTURED THE CURRENT LIST TO REFLECT LATIN AMERICAN PRIORITIES.) THE MERE PLACING OF SOME ITEMS IN THE HIGH PRIORITY CATEGORY DOES NOT MEAN THAT LOW PRIORITY ITEMS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED. IT DOES MEAN THAT HIGH PRIORITY ITEMS WILL RECEIVE EXCEPTIONALLY CAREFUL CONSIDERATION WITHIN THE PARAMETERS ESTABLISHED BY OUR GSP LEGISLATION.

5. AT THE INITIAL SESSION OF THE WORKING PARTY, WE WOULD ENCOURAGE THE LATIN AMERICANS TO EXPLAIN WHY THEY FIND IT IMPORTANT TO RECEIVE GSP TREATMENT FOR THOSE ITEMS DESIGNATED TO BE OF HIGH PRIORITY. US MEMBERS OF THE WORKING GROUP WILL EXPLAIN WHY TARIFFS AND OTHER TRADE RESTRICTIONS ARE IN EFFECT AND DISCUSS THE PROBLEMS, DOMESTIC OR OTHERWISE, WHICH MIGHT ARISE IF THESE ITEMS WERE TO BE LIBERALIZED UNDER GSP.

6. WE BELIEVE THAT SUCH AN EXCHANGE, GIVEN CAREFUL PREPARATION BY ALL PARTICIPANTS, WOULD PROVIDE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EXTREMELY VALUABLE INFORMATION WHICH COULD HELP US IN DETERMINING WHAT PRODUCTS TO INCLUDE IN THE PRODUCT LISTS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE TARIFF COMMISSION. IT SHOULD BE EMPHASIZED THAT THE LISTS SUBMITTED TO THE TARIFF COMMISSION ARE NOT THE FINAL LISTS OF ELIGIBLE PRODUCTS. THE COMPOSITION OF THE LISTS OF PRODUCTS ACTUALLY DESIGNATED AS ELIGIBLE UNDER GSP WILL BE BASED ON THE ADVICE OF THE TARIFF COMMISSION

AS TO THE ANTICIPATED ECONOMIC EFFECT ON DOMESTIC
PRODUCERS, INFORMATION AND ADVICE FROM OTHER
GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND PUBLIC HEARINGS.

7. AFTER THE TRADE BILL BECOMES LAW WE WILL PROPOSE
DATES FOR THE MEETING OF THE WORKING PARTY. MEANWHILE
TO FACILITATE PLANNING, WE WOULD APPRECIATE INDICATIONS
OF THE LEVEL AND NUMBER OF OFFICIALS THE LATIN
AMERICAN COUNTRIES PROBABLY WOULD SEND TO WASHINGTON.
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